

[Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan]

have to be made which you have shown in the Budget, but unless these Bills are passed, you will not be able to work that up although I am sure even with that money you will not be able to work up anything for the improvement of condition of the masses for there will be mity little left, as I have shown. Even in those earlier to work any scheme benefiting the poor. Even the receipts from additional Court fees, Stamp duty and Vehicles tax in all amounting to about 15 lakhs of rupees because at least three fourths of the amount will be consumed by Salaries, allowances and contingencies but at least to make a show you want money and for that you are robbing the poor man. Instead of resorting to these indirect methods of taking out money from the poor man, you may as will say that we are out—we the nationalist Government—we, the Government of yours—we, the Government which is backed by you, were out to devour you as was said yesterday here. Say for our livelihood we want this money, There is at least honesty in it. Yes, you want it for your livelihood and not for improving the miserable condition of the masses.

Mr. Puthur Achutha Menon (Kattur): Sir, such a statement was not made by any member of this House. It is a misrepresentation of facts.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): Misrepresentation and correct representation will have hereafter to be differently described in Dictionaries. That was the statement made by the Hon'ble Advocate General of Cochin yesterday.

Mr. Puthur Achutha Menon (Kattoor): No, no.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): Yes Sir, and I interjected then and there. I appreciated that word and specially noted it down and in spite of that are you going to tamper with the speech?

Mr. Paul P. Mampilli (Advocate-General): I don't think, Sir, I have used that word. I never said that.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): But it is there, Sir, I have noted it in my book.

Mr. Puthur Achutha Menon (Kattoor): Sir, he first said 'liabilities' and we corrected it as 'obligations'.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): All right Sir, I take the consequences of this statement of mine. I am opposing the Bill and you are trying to laugh at by the unhappy, uncalled for interjections from the other side. I submit Sir, that this a method, an indirect method of robbing the poor against which I protest. You cannot do it. You will not be allowed to do it. You may succeed in getting the money. I say, Sir, the strength of numbers must tumble down. In spite of your numbers, in spite of your success here, the day of judgment is not far off although it is not too near. The day of the judgment is not far off I inform you. As a sincere friend of yours, Sir, I tell you, don't hasten like this, don't plunder the poor man like this. That is the note of warning rather of advice, a friendly and sincere advice. I place it before you. I oppose the Bill.

Mr. Paul P. Mampilli (Advocate-General): Yesterday what I said in my speech was that the Government required money to meet their liabilities, meaning thereby obligations.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): In the light of that explanation of the Hon'ble Advocate General, I apologise to the House and to the Hon'ble Member as I ought to do and I do so, Sir most willingly. If that is the word asserted by him, well Sir, I am sorry I made use of that expression although I noted down in my paper; but still I withdraw it. I have nothing more to add to what I have already said.

Mr. President: The question is that the Cochin Stamp Act (Amendment) Bill be taken up and finally passed.

Motion put and carried

(iii) The Cochin Court Fees Act (Amendment) Bill

Mr. Paul P. Mampilli (Advocate-General): Sir, I beg to move that the Cochin Court Fees Act (Amendment) Bill be taken up and finally passed.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): Sir, I oppose that Bill also for the reasons stated by me yesterday, and one more thing that I want to say is that on the principle that justice must be made as cheap as possible to the unfortunates that have to resort to the Law courts. On that principle and on the principle also that this money is not intended to be spent on good things by the other side, I oppose. I register my protest.

Mr. President: The question is that the Cochin Court Fees Act (Amendment) Bill be taken up and finally passed.

Motion put and carried